

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

**1. (currently amended)** A voice processing method comprising the steps of:  
detecting a voice tone based on inputted voice information; ~~and~~  
determining a plurality of groups corresponding to a plurality of voice data;  
classifying the detected voice tone into at least one of the plurality of groups; and  
outputting voice data whose voice tone corresponds to the detected voice tone;  
wherein the step of outputting voice data outputs voice data corresponding to the  
at least one group if a count of voice tones classified for the at least one group exceeds a  
predetermined number.

**2. (original)** The voice processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the step  
of detecting a voice tone further comprises the steps of:  
analyzing the meaning of the inputted voice information; and determining the  
voice tone based on the analyzed meaning.

**3. (original)** The voice processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the step  
of detecting a voice tone further comprises the steps of:  
analyzing the meaning of the inputted voice information;  
detecting a voice level based on the inputted voice information; and  
determining the voice tone based on the analyzed meaning and the detected voice  
level.

**4. (canceled)**

5. **(original)** The voice processing method according to Claim 4, wherein the plurality of groups includes at least a group for polite tone, a group for gentle tone, a group for general tone and a group for negligent tone.

6. **(original)** The voice processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the inputted voice information and the voice data are a voice of a game player and a game object, respectively.

7. **(currently amended)** A voice processing device comprising:

a voice tone detection means for detecting a voice tone based on inputted voice information;

a voice information storage means having stored therein voice data corresponded to a plurality of voice tones; and

a group determination means for determining a plurality of groups corresponding to a plurality of voice data; and

a classification means for classifying the detected voice tone into at least one of the plurality of groups;

a counter for counting each classification into the at least one group; and

a voice output-control means for outputting voice data corresponded to the detected voice tone from the voice information storage means;

wherein the voice output-control means outputs voice data corresponding to the at least one group if a count of the counter exceeds a predetermined number.

**8. (original)** The voice processing device according to Claim 7, wherein the voice tone detection means analyzes meaning of the inputted voice information and determines the voice tone based on the analyzed meaning.

**9. (original)** The voice processing device according to Claim 7, wherein the voice tone detection means analyzes meaning of the inputted voice information and detects a voice level based on the inputted voice information, to thereby determine the voice tone based on the analyzed meaning of the inputted voice information and the detected voice level.

**10. (original)** The voice processing device according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a tendency detection means for detecting tendency in the detected voice tone; and

wherein the voice output-control means outputs voice data with a voice tone corresponded to a tendency in the detected voice tone.

**11. (canceled)**

**12. (original)** The voice processing device according to Claim 7, wherein the inputted voice information and the voice data are a voice of a game player and a game object, respectively.

**13. (currently amended)** A recording medium having recorded therein a voice processing program to be executed on a computer, in which the voice processing program ~~comprises~~ executes the steps of:

detecting a voice tone based on inputted voice information; ~~and~~

determining a plurality of groups corresponding to a plurality of voice data;

classifying the detected voice tone into at least one of the plurality of groups; and

outputting voice data whose voice tone corresponds to the detected voice tone;

wherein the step of outputting voice data comprises the step of outputting voice data corresponding to the at least one group if a count of voice tones classified for the at least one group exceeds a predetermined number.

**14. (original)** The recording medium having recorded therein a voice processing program according to Claim 13, wherein the step of detecting a voice tone further comprises the steps of:

analyzing the meaning of the inputted voice information; and determining the voice tone based on the analyzed meaning.

**15. (original)** The recording medium having recorded therein a voice processing program according to Claim 13, wherein the step of detecting a voice tone further comprises the steps of:

analyzing the meaning of the inputted voice information;

detecting a voice level based on the inputted voice information; and

determining the voice tone based on the analyzed meaning and the detected voice level.

**16. (canceled)**

**17. (original)** The recording medium having recorded therein a voice processing program according to Claim 16, wherein the plurality of groups include at least a group for polite tone, a group for gentle tone, a group for general tone and a group for negligent tone.

**18. (original)** The recording medium having recorded therein a voice processing program according to Claim 13, wherein the inputted voice information and the voice data are a voice of a game player and a game object, respectively.

**19. (currently amended)** A computer having a processor and a memory storing a voice processing program to be executed on-a by the computer, the voice processing program performing comprising the steps of:

detecting a voice tone based on inputted voice information; and

determining a plurality of groups corresponding to a plurality of voice data;

classifying the detected voice tone into at least one of the plurality of group; and

outputting voice data whose voice tone corresponds to the detected voice tone;

wherein the step of outputting voice data comprises the step of outputting voice data corresponding to the at least one group if a count of voice tones classified for the one group exceeds a predetermined number.

**20. (currently amended)** A voice processing device comprising:

a voice tone detection unit for detecting a voice tone based on inputted voice information;

a voice information storage unit having stored therein voice data corresponded to a plurality of voice tones; ~~and~~

a voice output-control unit for determining a plurality of groups corresponding to a plurality of voice data, for classifying the detected voice tone into at least one of the plurality of groups, and for outputting voice data ~~corresponds~~ corresponding to the detected voice tone from the voice information storage unit; and

a counter for registering a classification of the detected voice tone into the at least one group;

wherein the voice output-control unit outputs voice data corresponding to the at least one group if a count of the counter for voice tones classified for the at least one group exceeds a predetermined number.